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## A Suggestion

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There is very little I care to say here in a personal way, little that I have not said in former catalogues. We all believe in the good qualities of the Langshan, both as a utility bird and as a show bird. We are all well agreed as to what constitutes the ideal Langshan and are not quarreling amongst ourselves over types or shades of color as are the breeders of some other breeds of more or less mixed blood. We are all anxious to see them more extensively raised—to become more “popular.” And it is to this effort that I want to urge all the members of this Club to do their best. Put forth all the personal effort you can. I believe it will pay. Show more—advertise more. I want here to quote from Mr. Sewell’s article in last year’s Club catalogue:

“It is plainly a lack of push and printer’s ink that causes the Langshans to lay instead of leap along the highway of popular favor. “The ‘Orpington’ (a white skin fowl) comes along with its mixture of Langshan, Rock and Minorca blood—cackles no louder nor oftener than the ‘Lordly Langshan’ and his wives, in the barnyard, but hangs his shingle high in the leading publications and keeps it there. Pride of ancestry, perhaps, prevents the Langshan from putting himself so prominently before the people, while American dollars and poultry stalls are calling for “better poultry and more of it.”

THE SECRETARY.



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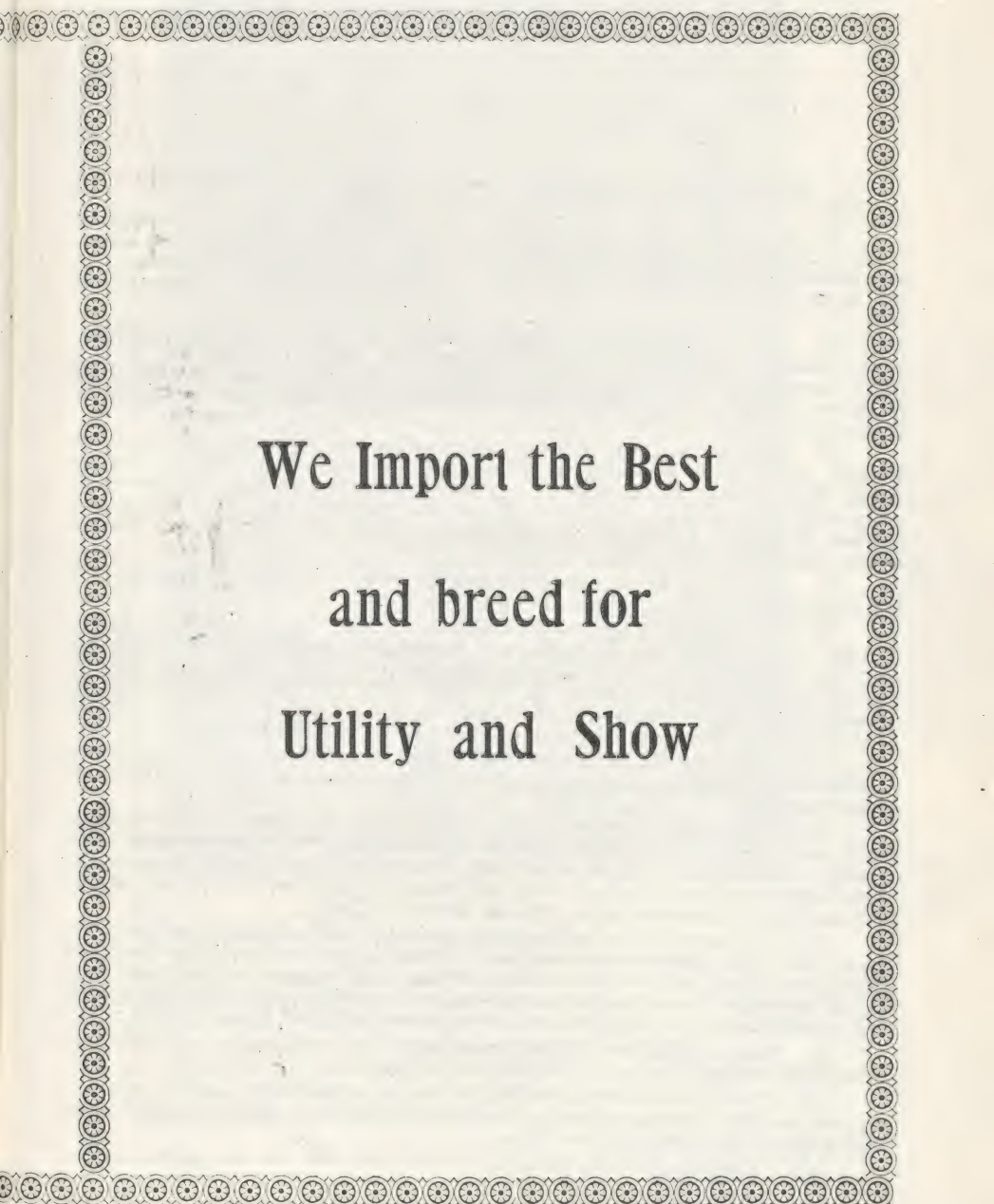
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## By-Laws

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I. That a Poultry Club be and is hereby established to be called and known as "THE NATIONAL BLACK LANGSHAN CLUB OF AMERICA."

II. The object and purpose of this Club is to elevate this noble breed of birds, to bring all breeders closely together, to offer specials at shows when members exhibit, and in general the honorable production and extended cultivation, as well as to protect, by corporation, the interests of all breeders of this most useful bird.

III. The following officers shall be elected by ballot, vis: A President, Vice-President, National Secretary and a Treasurer. These officers shall be Ex-officio Members of the Executive Committee, to which three other members shall be elected annually. Upon this Executive Board shall depend the management of the Club.

IV. That there be a District Secretary for the following districts: an Eastern, a Central, a Southern, a Western, a California district and a Pacific North West district, whose duties shall be to assist the National Secretary in promoting the interests of the Club. It will also be their duty to attend to the interest of the Club in offering prizes at state and county shows in his district where membership will permit.

V. Application for memberships may be made to the District Secretary or the National Secretary any time during the year.

VI. That members may be admitted on payment of one dollar to Secretary, and one dollar shall be due thereafter and payable on the first day of October of each and every year, and upon failure to pay for one month after same shall be due and payable, and after receiving due notice such members in arrears shall be considered suspended for non-payment, and his or her name erased from Register of Members, which said Register shall be the record of the membership of the Club.

VII. That the Club Register shall be kept by the National Secretary, also all District Secretaries shall keep a register of all members in good standing in his or her District.

VIII. That it be understood that Club specials and prizes can only be competed for by members of this Club in good standing. Any breeder wishing to become a member must, if required, show his or her Certificate of Membership, which must be properly dated. Any dishonorable behavior on the part of any member shall be punishable by expulsion from the Club.

IX. All complaints of dishonorable behavior shall be made to the Executive Board, who shall communicate with both parties in question, notifying that both sides will be heard at the annual meeting of the Club. when a majority vote shall decide, and upon the failure of either to appear in person, or by his legally authorized representative, such person shall be considered expelled from the Club.

X. That a certificate of Membership signed by the President and Secretary be supplied to each member as vouchers of the same.

XI. That non-members, companies, etc., who shall offer special prizes of not less than \$10 for competition by members of this Club, shall be entered in the Club Register as Patrons of the Club.

XII. That one National meeting be held each year, for the election of Na-





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tional officers and auditing accounts, etc. Each member is allowed to vote by mail if unable to attend in person. The date and place of meeting shall be voted by the Club. All votes shall be recorded with the National Secretary on or before the first day of March each year.

XIII. That the National Secretary is hereby authorized to call a special meeting at any time, should the emergency require such meeting.

XIV. That the National Secretary shall have published and distributed annually a catalogue of the Club.

XV. That the Secretary shall enter in a book the minutes of Committee and other meetings, together with the names of the members attending the same.

XVI. That the Secretary shall submit all questions coming before the Club to each member in printed form, and all members shall be allowed to vote on such questions by mail or proxy, and the same shall be recorded and printed in the doings of each annual meeting.

XVII. That no alteration shall be made in any rule of this Club except at the annual meeting. Printed notices of any proposed alteration in the by-laws must be sent to every member at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting.

XVIII. That a report of all the meetings and proceedings of the Club be prepared by the Secretary and sent to the poultry papers for publication.

XIX. A grand silver cup shall be offered in each state that has ten or more resident members in good standing. The show at which this special shall be offered shall be decided by a majority vote of the members of said state, the same to be recorded with the National Secretary on or before August 1st of each year.

XX. That this cup shall be offered for the best display of Black Langshans, each competitor must have ten or more birds.

XXI. That there shall also be five other grand special badges offered at each State Show, one on best cock, one on best hen, one on best pullet, one on best cockerel, one on best breeding pen.

XXIII. That there shall be four special ribbons offered at each district or county show, one for best cock, one for best cockerel, one for best hen, one for best pullet. These shall be awarded provided this notice is printed in the premium list and they be won by any member in good standing.

XXIV. That in counting points for the awards of the Club prizes the following plan shall be used: First pen, 16; second, 12; third, 8; fourth, 4; fifth, 2; First cock or cockerel, 10; second, 8; third, 6; fourth, 4; fifth, 2; First hen or pullet, 5; second, 4; third, 3; fourth, 2; fifth, 1.

XXV. All officers shall serve without pay, except the National Secretary, who shall receive the sum of \$1.00 and such additional salary as the members shall vote at the annual meeting.

XXVI. Life membership fee shall be \$10.00, which shall not include any previous amount paid.

XXVII. The Membership shall become due, in advance, the 1st of October of each year. All dues must be paid before the 1st of November following. In case dues are not paid on or before Nov. 1st after being duly notified by the National Secretary, such membership ceases. Any member suspended for non-payment of dues may, on application made in writing to the National Secretary, be reinstated on payment of his indebtedness at the time of his suspension, and the annual dues for the year when the application for reinstatement is made.

XXVIII. The order of business at all meetings of the Club shall be:

1. Roll call.
2. Reading Minutes of Previous Meeting.
3. Election of New Members.
4. Report of Officers.
5. Reading of Communications.
6. Unfinished Business.
7. New Business.
8. Election of Officers and Executive Committee.
9. Adjournment.



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## The Stately Langshan

By GEORGE D. BLACK (Yellow Springs, O.)

My experience with Langshans began twelve years ago. I was visiting a friend who had three or four hundred of them, and I had right there a genuine case of love at first sight. I thought then that I had never before seen a fowl of such distinct beauty of form and style, and today, after having bred nearly all the kinds to be found in the Standard of Perfection, I still think that it is unequalled in elegance and attractiveness.

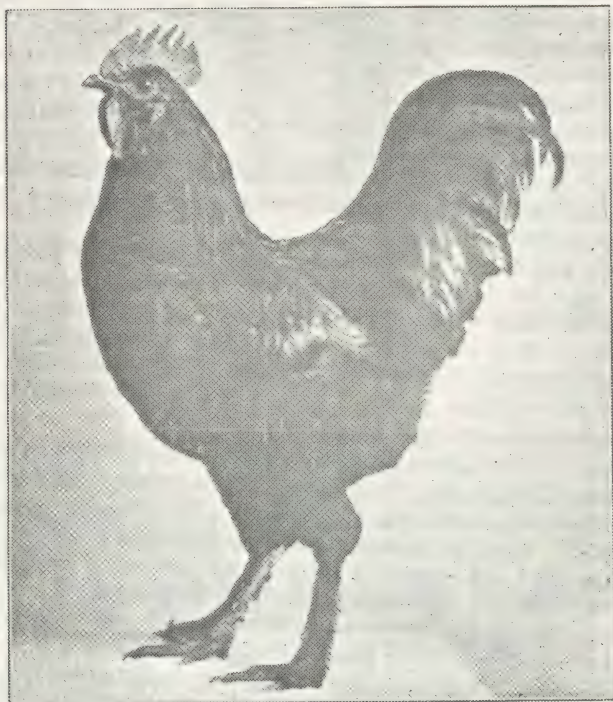
I would go farther to see a big exhibition of Langshans than I would to see any other fowl in the world. And yet I am fond of all kinds of fowls, including turkeys and ducks and geese, and I am especially an admirer of the Black Orpington, and have bred it for a number of years with growing enthusiasm.

One of the questions which I have not been able to answer to my satisfaction is why the Langshans have not been more popular, especially among farmers. It is quite evident to those who have given the matter of breeds careful attention in an unpartisan way that there are a number of varieties that are distinctly inferior to the Langshans that are yet having a big boom, and are bought and sold at extravagant figures. It would be ungenerous to mention the names of any of these here, but I may say that I have thoroughly tried three or four of them by the side of Langshans, when I was conducting an experiment station of my own, testing them on my farm in order to satisfy myself, and I found the Langshans to be superior in every way. It is true that the Black Langshan has had considerable popularity in a few states, notably in New York, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri; and it is also true that no fowl ever had more staunch friends and admirers, for wherever you find a man who has at any time bred Langshans he is sure to have words of praise for them. His enthusiasm never quite fails him. But, excepting the first few years after their introduction into this country, when they had quite a run, the breed has made its way solely on its merits and without any unnatural and extravagant booming. Just now it is looking up, and the classes at the big shows are encouragingly large.

The black fowl (to speak now of that variety of this breed) has not awakened with us that appreciation which it deserves, and which, I believe, it is sure



## Wilhite's Grand Blue Ribbon Strain of Black Langshans



### Arsenal King

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to gain in due time. Of all the colors it is the most stable and serviceable and satisfying. It goes anywhere, and it looks clean and tidy everywhere. In the flock it shows uniformity, which is true of no other color in all the breeds and varieties. There are some very pretty parti-colors, but uniformity in them is difficult, or quite impossible. Black is the color that is substantial, clean-looking; and when it is a soft, iridescent, beetle-green black, as in the finest specimens of Black Langshans and Black Orpingtons, it is resplendently beautiful.

For suburban places and towns where a few fowls are kept for use or for the fancy of them, black is the best of all colors; and the Black Langshan, with all its other merits, ought to appeal to breeders in such places. When the Black Langshan first came into vogue it made a great hit among the fanciers around New York City. Its stately, aristocratic bearing and its brilliant plumage stamped it as preeminently the fancier's fowl; and for years it was shown in large and splendid classes in that city.

Whatever may be the fate of certain breeds that are just now holding the center of the stage, the Langshan ought not to fall into neglect. In real, solid excellence it is not likely to be surpassed for many a day to come. There are a number of worthy favorites getting much attention these days, but it will be found upon a fair investigation that the Langshan is the equal of all of them, and the superior of most of them.

Let us see in what its chief merits lie.

First of all, the Langshan is a prolific egg producer. This claim has been made for it from the beginning of its history in this country, and it is a claim that has been backed up by a continual performance of satisfactory laying for those who have bred it. The first year I kept Langshans I had moved on to a farm (for my health) and I had no yard or building for my pen of Langshans. I had a number of sorts besides, and I wanted the Langshan eggs for setting. The best I could do in the hurry of repairing and getting settled was to just put my five Langshans in a little pen made of plastering lath. It was just four feet square; and there I kept them for two months. I fed them well, and gave them the care they needed. The way those four pullets laid was astonishing. For days at a time I would get four eggs every day. Then one would get broody and the number of eggs would drop to three. In a few days the broody one would be put back with her mates and then the yield would be four eggs a day steadily until another one quit to set. Rarely in that time did I get two eggs a day. So remarkable a record did those four pullets make that it was a subject of daily enquiry and talk among the mechanics whom I had at work on the place. The daily question came to be, "How many eggs today?" At that time I had Leghorns and Wyandottes on the place, but none of them laid to compare with the Langshans.

Afterwards I learned of the reliable winter egg production of the breed. I was trying many kinds of chickens for my own satisfaction and for my use in writing for the agriculture journals to which I was contributing. I had no prejudice in favor of any breed. I was as ready to learn something favorable of one as of another. I was after the facts. I gave the four or five breeds that I had at



# **Exhibition Langshans**

## **Bishop's Black Beauties**

At Madison Square Garden, N. Y., December 19 to 23, 1911, in the Strongest Competition and Best Display of Black Langshans ever exhibited in America (according to Sewell) with Franklane L. Sewell, the poultry artist, placing the awards, I won 3rd hen, 5th cockerel, 5th pullet and 3rd pen, winning the second largest number of points won by any exhibitor who bred his entire exhibit. Eight of the 11 birds I entered won over 21 of the 30 entered by winner of display prize.

At Madison Square Garden, December, 1910, 1st on pullet, one entry.

At Chicago, December, 1910, 1st and 5th on pullets.

At Boston, January, 1911, 2nd on pullet.

At Kansas City, November, 1910, 1st and 2nd on pullets. National Club meeting with twenty-three high-class pullets competing.

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## **R. W. Bishop, Guilford, Conn.**

EGGS IN SEASON

any one time the same careful attention. The Langshans fared no better and no worse than the others. I kept the Langshans in this way for ten years, trying them by the side of other noted breeds and varieties, and the upshot of that experimenting for ten years on my farm was the firm belief on my part that the Langshan is the most reliable winter layer that we have. I found only one breed that rivalled it in this regard, and that was the Black Orpington, and there is no wonder in this, for the Black Orpington is nothing but a clean-legged, cobbily built Langshan. So prepotent is the Langshan blood that the crosses used in the Black Orpington production were utterly dominated by it.

It is quite common these days to make extraordinary claims for new varieties as to their egg yield. But it is conceded by all the authorities that the Langshan is a superb layer. The truth of that is beyond debate.

Another merit of the Langshan is the unexcelled succulence and tenderness and flavor of its flesh. Here again expert authorities are agreed. Nobody who has ever tested Langshan flesh on his table will question its superiority. In my years of experimenting I kept hundreds of fowls and I always had my choice of four or five breeds to supply the home table. I tried all kinds as they passed under my care, and it came at last to be the settled rule of our household that if we wanted a fry, or stew, or roast a Langshan was selected for it.

It is a fact, recognized by those who have given it attention, that the flesh of some breeds of fowls "hardens," to use a term of eastern market poultrymen, at an earlier age than that of others. I have found that a Langshan hen two years old often is as tender in flesh as pullets of most other breeds. There is no greater error in regard to poultry than the one that all chicken flesh is just about the same in quality. Any one who has tried the Dorkings and Houdans knows that these fowls have a quality of flesh that distinctly distinguishes them from most other kinds as table poultry.

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It is very encouraging to see a marked revival of interest in this old blue-blood aristocrat of poultrydom. The big shows are having increasing numbers in all the classes of Langshans, and the quality is fine. This is right, for no breed, from any point of view, is worthier. Breeds may come and breeds may go, but the Langshan should go on forever.



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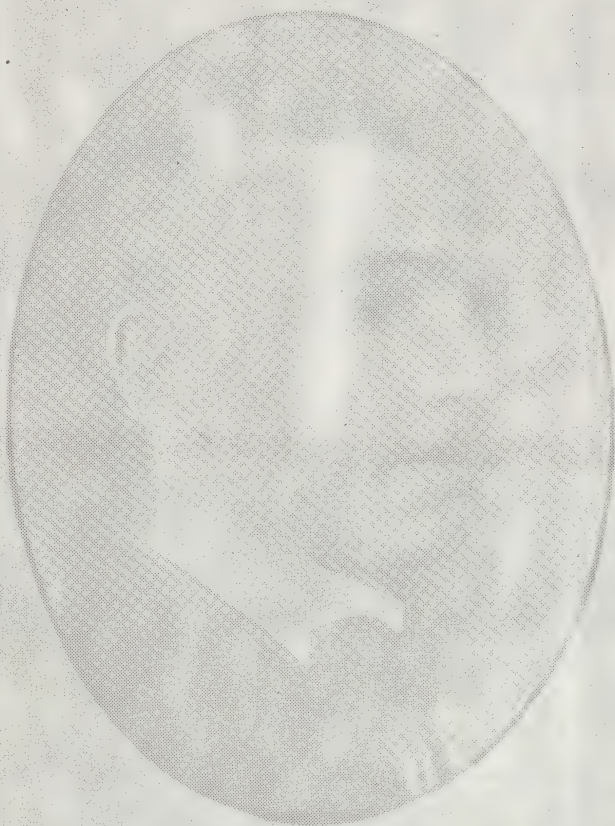
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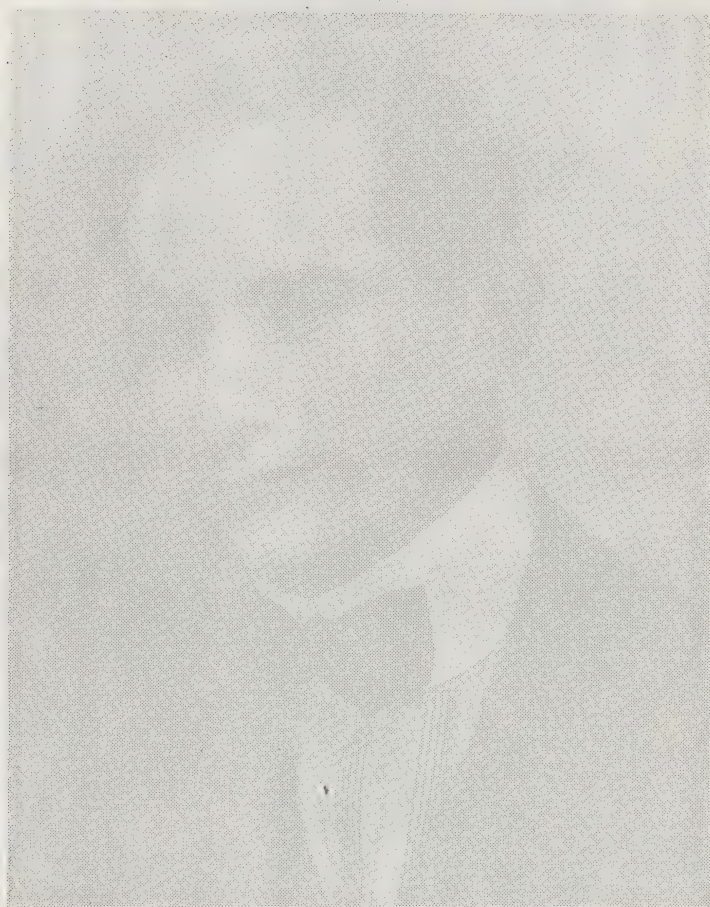
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From February 7, 1918 to January 14, 1920.

### RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand Feb. 7, 1918 .....	\$ 65.50
New Members .....	39.00
Annual Dues (old) .....	45.00
Total Receipts .....	\$149.50

### EXPENSES

Voted to Secretary at Annual Meeting .....	\$ 15.00
Stamps .....	16.50
Printing Reports, Notices, Letters, etc. ....	34.90
Cups .....	15.13
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Total Expenses .....	\$ 83.53
Balance on Hand Jan. 14, 1920 .....	\$ 65.92

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## The Secretary's Page

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DEAR MEMBERS:

It is with pleasure that I place this, our Annual Year Book, before the members of the club and the Black Langshan Breeders of America. I offer my thanks to all the members who by their liberal advertising space have made this book possible, and I trust it will meet with your approval.

I am not going to make my message to you very long, but I want to say to you right here that it has been a hard up hill battle for the last two years to keep our club alive. During the time I served as Secretary of the club I received some pretty hard knocks and bumps.

Many times I was almost discouraged and felt like giving up, but my love for our Lordly Black Langshan caused me to keep on through thick and through thin. And I am now pleased to be able to say that the Club is again coming "slowly but sure." Old members are again coming back. New ones are joining almost every day.

I assure you that I have the interest of the Club at heart at all times and will do all I can for the club. But it is impossible for the Secretary of any Specialty Club to do it all alone.

Brother Member, I again earnestly plead, lend your assistance to the Club in the future. I believe (judging from all reports that the demand for Black Langshans, and eggs for hatching has never been greater than it is this year. All the Poultry Shows throughout the country report larger Black Langshan classes than ever. Prices are higher than they ever have been. I have reports on file where single birds have been sold for \$75 to \$100 each.

Right now brother breeder is the time for us to get busy. Opportunity is knocking at your door. Get busy. Let the public know you have what they want. During the year of 1920 I want to make a real drive for new members, and I want to ask every member to help me in this drive. If you know of any Black Langshan breeder that is no member of the Club then send me his or her name and address. If you have any suggestions send them to me I will be glad to have them.

Yours for more and better Black Langshans,

H. A. REASNER, Secretary.



# President's Message to Members

At the outset let me state that I have never written an article for publication, and it is only upon the urgent request of our Secretary for an article for the Year Book that I am attempting it at all. It is not my intention to dwell upon the good qualities of the black Langshans, summed up it may be described thus, they Lay, Weigh and Pay. Whether you look upon them from a practical standpoint or as a fancier, makes no difference. From the practical standpoint they are persistent layers of large brown eggs the year round and unsurpassed as a market fowl.

As a fancier's fowl they are beautiful, do not require double mating and very few culls are produced. It is up to the breeders and the members of The National Black Langshan Club to make them more popular. Last season I received an order for some hatching eggs from a party stating that they had bred Black Langshans for twenty years, but reading from time to time of the wonders of the more widely advertised breeds decided to make a change, and after a few years effort he was going back to his favorites, the Black Langshans, the Aristocrats of Poultrydom.

We are starting the new year off with all the war bans lifted, and prospects bright for the coming year in the poultry field. It behooves every Black Langshan breeder to do his share, and help place his favorites among the leaders where they belong. How can this be done? Get every one you know of who is interested in Langshans to join the National Black Langshan Club. State the advantage to be gained by becoming a member. Write the Secretary for some application blanks, and every inquiry you get from a prospective customer enclose one in your reply. Pay your dues promptly as you know the club cannot be run without funds. Take an interest in club matters, and exhibit your birds at the fairs and winter shows. Give your club all support possible as nothing helps a breed more than a good hustling bunch of members.

Don't leave it all to the Secretary, he is only one, and if the other members would take half the interest he does what a club we would have. With the coming year let us put forth our very best efforts, pledge ourselves to get at least one new member. Let the slogan be to double our membership in 1920.

Yours for more Langshans

PETER J. INNES,

Bridgeport, Conn.

President of The National Black Langshan Club of America.

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## Vice President's Message

By HARRY S. MILLER, Vice-President.

### FELLOW BREEDERS AND CLUB MEMBERS:

It was with great pleasure that I heard of my election as Vice-President of our National Black Langshan Club of America, and I often from boyhood days wished that I would be in some way connected at the head of a good growing Poultry Club, and I hope that now since you all favored me with your vote that you will never have regrets, and I can assure you one and all that I am working hard at this end of the state trying to interest fellow breeders to join our club, and also hope that some day we will be considered the largest and strongest Club in America, as our breed really deserves it.

It was in the Spring of 1896 that my oldest brother bought a farm at Moorstown, New Jersey, and I was then 9 years old, and I at once took a liking to poultry. Well as per chance my brother bought some poultry at Philadelphia, and among them were three Black Langshan pullets and two young cockerels. Well they looked so nice and black to everyone that I begged for the birds and they were presented to me. I then got our working help to build me a small coop and so I started with the three pullets and two cockerels and I kept hatching every egg they laid and it was not very long until I had a fine flock of chicks, and as a few seasons rolled by I kept picking out the best lookers and largest birds, and I soon got to know them all and kept improving them right along. Then one day I said to my brother I think a fellow ought to

get more money for my eggs than common chicken eggs and we picked them out and sent them down to a hotel not far from Moorestown, and they were so tickled about the large brown eggs that they told us if we picked them such large eggs they would pay us more for them, and we did, and they didn't use them for cooking they hatched them, and the following season they exhibited them at the Trenton, New Jersey, Poultry Show and won a string of prizes and through them we sold all the eggs I could get. And gradually my business got so large that my brother sold all his Barred Rocks which he raised at the time and went in "halves" with me and we built some fine coops and raised some fine stock.

It was in the Spring of 1910 that an old lady said to me: "What is the name of your birds," and I said Black Langshans, and she said if they were her's she would call them (Wonders.) And it then struck me that it really was a fitting name for the Black Langshans, and I then made the (Wonder strain) and talk about laying eggs, we got more eggs during October, November, December and January than all the farms around us, and it wasn't long before we had a regular Black Langshan Community. It was then that I took sick and sold my share out to my brother and he had them a few years until he finally got tired of the farm and he sold his farm. I went down and picked the choicest birds we had raised and mated up six pens for myself and moved to Burgettstown, Pa. Then I kept breeding them up right along until they were real large and beautiful. Then I bought a few real birds from one of the largest breeders in the world, even if I must give him credit for being such, I must say I got a very poor deal in some of my chicks I bought.

That gave me my first idea of how some breeders sell lots of eggs, chicks, and stock, but I made up my mind that I would keep what I had and line breed them and never add any outside blood. Since then I have exhibited at Pittsburgh, Pa., Philadelphia, New York and different shows, and besides winning first prizes all over the country I get letters daily of egg records and wonderful show records, which only goes to prove to me that there is but one real bird that is all around and that is the Black Langshan.

All I can say in conclusion that our members should advertise more in the Poultry Journals and in this way cause more demand for the Black Langshans. Also hoping that some day I may get the opportunity to meet each and every one of our fellow members, and have one big grand meeting. Again thanking all my fellow members and I still hope to reach the top of the ladder as the President of The National Black Langshan Club of America. And then again can say we owe a good deal of thanks to our noble secretary who month in and month out answers all inquiries and business and really is the helping of making our Club stand up as it has.

Respectfully and Truly,

HARRY S. MILLER

Ford City, Pa.

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Out of a lot of 36 chicks I raised 14 pullets and, without culling at all, these pullets, from November 1 to October 31 of the following year, averaged 165 eggs. A flock of fifty pullets and one, two, and three-year-old hens, all running together, averaged 149 eggs for the year.

At the Australian Egg Laying Contest in 1907 Langshans won first in number of eggs laid; first in winter laying and first for most eggs in two years.

At Mountain Grove, Missouri, 30 Langshans, in competition with about 600 hens of all other breeds, were second in 1912. In 1913, for the winter months, November 16 to April 1, Langshans led the field with an average of 66 eggs, the nearest competitor having 55, and they finished the year winners over all competitors with an average of 160 eggs.

The Standard weight of Langshans is, cock, 9½ lbs.; hen, 7½ lbs.; cockerel, 8 lbs.; pullet, 6½ lbs. I have found it very easy to bring my birds up to, and, in the majority of cases, over these weights. Two and three-year-old hens and nine to ten month old cockerels will generally weigh, when fat, from 8 to 10 pounds, and at the top prices, which they always command, help very materially in reducing the "high cost of living" so much complained of these days.

Strange as it may sound to some of our "light weight breed" breeders, the Langshan, altho one of the largest of fowls, is also one of the most active. As the songbird hankereth after sunshine, so hankereth the Langshan after a place in which to dig or a field over which to roam in search of food.

Here's another fine thing about this great breed; under ordinary living conditions, and ordinary methods of feeding, they do not take on excessive fat as do some of the American breeds, and this is true even of three and four-year-old hens kept for breeding purposes. The hen spoken of above as having laid 203 eggs is still, at 6 years and 9 months of age, in my yards, and altho she runs the greater part of the time with pullets and yearling hens, she has never yet been overfat and is today as spry and hard-working as any of the young stock.

During the latter part of May, I needed a setting hen, and, finding this "old lady" on the nest, I gave her the eggs, the first time she had ever been given a rest from the laying pen. She hatched out and reared her flock, and in July, while still running with them, she laid 12 eggs, following this in August with 14 eggs. She has since passed thru her sixth moult and attended two shows, one the New York State Fair at Syracuse, and the other at Providence, R. I. I have two other hens 5½ years old that were in my first pen at Boston Show, 1910. These also, while very large hens, are still in excellent condition, and during the past season were doing their duty on the nest. This extreme hardiness is another "feather in the cap" of Langshans.

I might go on telling the merits of this noble breed:—beautiful to look at—easy to raise—hardy—unexcelled as pets—exceedingly useful as producers—satisfying to the palate—the greatest chicken of them all—but I will close by saying:

I began keeping Langshans because of their attractiveness. I have continued to keep Langshans because of their usefulness, and I expect to go on keeping Langshans because to me they come the nearest to being the perfect blend of the two greatest qualities in the poultry world, "Beauty" and "Utility."

J. F. ROBINSON, South Weymouth, Mass.

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# Why Black Langshans?

By A. BREEDER.

You all know the story of the politician who told his friend who was standing on the platform of a trolley car, that "Platforms were made to 'get in on' and not to stand on." I am reminded of this story as I start to write on my favorite breed, as I am sure that none of the many claims for the Langshan were ever made merely to "get in on," but the characteristics, aristocratic beauty and utility that make the breed so practical for city fancier or farmer are the very foundations or platform of Langshan Popularity. To the beginner, I would say "GET IN" and try out the Langshan.

You look at things as we do, proofs speak louder than loud words and it is much easier to make claims than to live up to them, but here is a case where I believe I can prove from my own experience that Langshans are both practical from a commercial standpoint and desirable to any one who contemplates a start in the poultry business.

It has not been many years since I made such a start—I mean started professionally in the poultry business, on a town lot and with only a limited number of birds—all Langshans. These birds I really inherited from my father and were the results of years of breeding from stock purchased back at the time of the second or third Madison Square Garden Show. When yet a small boy my father bought these birds for me, probably that I might have something to keep my mind occupied while not at school. At any rate I gave them much attention. In fact the whole family took to this breed. College finally took me away from home, and then came business in the west, but at last I had my own home, and of course, I had to have chickens, so I went back to my old home and took over my old favorites—the family Langshans.

They looked better than ever, probably because only the best were kept, and I made up my mind to see where these birds stood in competition with those of our other Langshan breeders. So I purchased a few from outside and added to my flock one fine hen. Then I started for the shows. I gave Buffalo my first exhibit, then followed Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Syracuse and Madison Square Garden—not to mention many smaller shows and I always had something to show after each time.

My ribbons would fill a bushel basket. Exhibiting my birds for pleasure was my first and only intention, but when I was approached in the different shows rooms for prices on my birds, I saw a different angle to the chicken business and an opportunity for getting rid of those extra cockerels which I did not need. A week after the Buffalo show my sales began and I soon saw I had not raised enough birds to supply the demand. That season I raised 200 on my town lot and yet this was not enough, as I had no extra pullets and cockerels when winter was gone. Next season while I was at one of the larger Eastern shows I was gently touched by a poultry editor and that touch started my first advertising. Here again I learned a lesson on Langshan demand, for the following spring I was really robbed of the largest share of my hatching eggs and was sold out of most of my best breeding stock, yet I had raised nearly 350 birds the summer before. Registered Jerseys, a small fancy dairy and of course a farm have always been my chief hobby and as my attention was called to the fact that "Langshans would do their part in making a farm pay." This summer I purchased "the farm" and now have "the Jerseys, Lewellyn Setter Dogs" and last, but not least, my Langshans. I am putting them in fine big systematically ventilated coops, with big runs, and you may well imagine that only the proof that the Langshan were popular would cause me to go to all this expense. What I have done with this breed, so can you do. Competition is not so great as with other breeds, as there are no Langshan farms where they are turned out by the thousands and so here we find one reason why there is still an opportunity for many others. Good birds do not have to be sacrificed for "eaters" and these same birds when exhibited will always command a real price. What you want to know, however, if you are a farmer is "Will this breed get out and hustle and forage for their own feed?"



## HINTS ON MATING LANGSHANS

As a Club member for many years, and its former president, I am pleased to submit the following bits of information as gained by my experience with this breed for 17 years.

**First:** If you are starting with Black Langshans, be sure you buy your stock from some experienced and reliable breeder, with an established strain. Don't buy some individual birds because they won some prize award in the show room. You must have a line-bred pedigree behind your birds if you expect chicks true to type.

**Second:** Pick your matings for shape first, and let the color and other fine points follow. Nothing looks better to an experienced breeder than to look over a yard of uniformly shaped birds. Don't have them with "spike tails," long beaks and necks, just because some may have good eyes, or for some other little point.

**Third:** Another thing that I have learned by experience. If you lack size and weight, don't expect to get it through the male line. Discard all small, light boned hens, even if they are good in other sections. Breed up to weight, and over, rather than to lack weight. Too many breeders of Langshans today have allowed them to degenerate into light boned birds, with big tails and small bodies, and most of them unable to make the weight.

**Fourth:** Nothing beats yearling or two year old hens for getting good, large chicks. Pullets don't raise many of the right type of chicks during the maiden year. They may lay more eggs, but they don't produce as many winners.

Respectfully,

E. R. McCORMICK, Letts, Iowa.

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J. M. ROELKE, - - - Teegarden, Indiana



### CHAMPION

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# J. A. LOVETTE

POULTRY JUDGE

## Black Langshan Specialist



LOVETTE'S CHOICE

I have six fine matings this Spring, 1920. At the present time my yards contain First Prize Cockerel at the Illinois Centennial State Poultry Show (see photo above) Sept., 1918. First Prize Cockerel at the Kansas State Show, Jan., 1919. First Prize Cockerel at St. Louis, 1920.

Twenty successful years have crowned my efforts with the **Big Black Beauties**, and I sincerely wish to merit a reasonable part of all fanciers needs. Choice stock to be had at all times. Write for Prices on Eggs for Hatching.

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## REASONS WHY I KEEP BLACK LANGSHANS

**First Prize Article Winning the \$100 "Sex-Bred" Hen Offered by Herb E. Sharp, Spokane, Wash., in December American Poultry Journal for Best Langshan Article. By J. F. Robinson, South Weymouth, Mass.**

Many years ago, while on the hunt for a hen to set, I saw my first Black Langshan, a fine large beauty, almost ready to bring off her brood. Her owner brought her down from the attic, nest and all, for me to see. I told him, and I meant it, that she was the most beautiful fowl I had ever seen.

It was several years later, as I was walking through the country, that I next saw any Langshans, and this time it was a lordly cock that attracted my attention. I resolved then and there that some time I would have some of them for myself.



Later the same season, I saw a small brood of little fellows and from then on "chicken" to me was spelled—L-a-n-g-s-h-a-n. Several times during the summer I walked past this place just to get a glimpse of these little beauties, until the "fever" finally got so severe that I bought them.

There is nothing in the poultry world to me so attractive as a Black Langshan, with his lordly carriage, proud look, and a beautiful glossy green-black plumage, and it was because of this attractiveness that I began to keep Langshans.

In the spring of 1909, I started my present flock with 30 eggs bought from one of the best breeders of the central west. From these 30 eggs I succeeded in raising to maturity three fine pullets and a beautiful cockerel. These four birds were wintered in a cloth-front, piano-box house, on a hill overlooking historic Dorchester Bay, and in the path of New England's famous East winds.

The first egg was laid December 1, 1909, and during the 130 days of extreme winter, and cold wet, New England early spring weather, between that date and April 8,—when I was unfortunate enough to lose one of those three pullets—they laid just 238 eggs, or an average of 59%. One of the two remaining hens laid 162 eggs and hatched and reared a flock of chicks, while the other



# SHOW WINNINGS OF MEMBERS

## WINNERS AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN SHOW

Lacona Farms, Titusville, Pa., 3rd ck.; 3rd and 4th Hen; 5th pul.; 1st 2nd young pen; 2nd old pen.  
M. S. Barker, Thorntown, Indiana, 2nd, 4th ck.; 1st, 2nd hen; 1st, 4th pul.; 1st old pen; 2nd young pen.  
Peter J. Innes, Bridgeport, Conn., 1st ck.; 3rd ckl.  
J. M. Roelker, Teegarden, Indiana, 5th ck.; 3rd pul.  
Wm. Buddenhagen, Cleveland, Ohio, 5th hen; 2nd, 4th ckl.; 2nd pul.  
L. C. Phillips, Waterford, Conn.

## WINNERS AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, SHOW

H. A. Reasner, Indianapolis, Ind., 1st ck; 3rd hen; 2nd, 3rd ckl.; 2nd, 3rd pul.  
Geo. W. Wilkins, Tipton, Ind., 3rd, 4th ck.; 4th, 5th hen; 4th, 5th ckl.; 5th pul.; 1st old pen; 3rd young pen;  
M. E. Rinard, Farmland, Ind., 2nd ck.; 1st hen; 1st ckl.; 1st, 4th pul.; 1st young pen.  
John C. Balentine, Pekin, Ind., 2nd hen.  
Chas. Mann, Fostoria, Ohio, 5th ck.  
A. K. Gilbert & Son, 2nd young pen.

## WINNERS AT BOSTON, MASS., SHOW.

Burleigh A. Jones, Lake Port, N. H., 3rd ck.  
Thos. Fowler, New London, Conn., 2nd ck.; 2nd hen; 4th pul.  
E. S. Colprit, Dover, N. H., 1st ck.; 4th hen; 2nd, 3rd ckl.; 5th, 6th pul.  
F. R. Backus, Pittsfield, Mass., 2nd hen; 4th ckl.; 1st pul.  
J. F. Robinson, South Weymouth, Mass., 1st hen; 1st ckl.; 2nd, 3rd pul.

## WINNERS AT CHICAGO (Coliseum)

Gildersleeve & Buchanan, 3rd, 4th, 5th hen; 2nd, 4th ckl.; 2nd, 4th pul.  
M. S. Barker, 1st, 2nd ck.; 1st, 2nd hen; 1st, 3rd ckl.; 3rd pul.; 1st old pen; 1st young pen.  
Charles D. Spencer, 5th pul.  
Frank E. Ellis, 1st pul.

## WINNERS AT KANSAS CITY, MO.

Louis Schrinier, 1st ck.; 1st, 2nd hen.  
Alvin Larson, 1st ckl.  
H. M. Palmer, 1st young pen.  
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While I say they are even greater rustlers than the smaller breeds, to make it more convincing for you, I would like to quote part a letter sent to me by one of Boston's noted doctors who settles on his estate in winter down in North Carolina: "Repeating my Yankee on the Plantation, Langshans are the hens for this Sand Hill country."

According to Hutchings, before the chicks were four days old they would leave their feed and go hunting in the leaves and grass and now that they are grown they will when called, eat very little of what is offered them and then put out for what they find. Hutchings says he wouldn't take \$25.00 for "erry chick or pullet" he has, and that is saying considerable for a poor man who has as many as nine birds with five of them roosters.

But there is no mistaking the fact that these Langshans fit the country as they practically make their own living. They will revolutionize the hen business in this section when others get acquainted with them, certainly will if Hutchings' bragging on them counts as it should. This breed does as well in the northern states as in the south, and I have had many glowing reports from Canada.

Being good foragers cuts the feed bill, lowers the high cost of living, and should be some inducement to "get in" with the Langshans. However, in raising poultry as stock, we want something that will not merely bring us the profit.

We stock that others will view with such admiration that we can swell with pride as we show it to them, and it has been my good luck to have many visitors look over my Langshans and go away with such remarks as "aren't they beauties," "look at that color," "isn't he a big fellow," or some remark bearing on the beauty of the fowl.

There is no question but the Langshan has a style or standard type of its own and this has been fixed for generations. It is another good point for the novice to consider as the young stock breed very true to type and consequently there are not so many queer shaped birds to relegate to the meat markets, as is the case with many of our so-called popular breeds. Difference of opinion among the judges and breeders has but seldom troubled the Langshans, and consequently we have no new manufacture as is the case of any number of standard bred fowls.

You alone can be the judge of this by comparing old "Standard of Perfection" with that of our present one. If you will look over these drawings of the different breeds you can not help but be impressed with the imposing style of our Langshan. His big round eye show intelligence if you care to acknowledge that chickens can be possessed with such—and with his head carried well up like a soldier and his tail in such a position not drooping as if too heavy, not short as if bobbed, not overbalanced like a squirrel that it denotes strength and vigor, you are able to see the strong traits of our breed. Yet there is something you cannot see in this picture—it is the glossy greenish black coat that adorns the bird and lends "quality" to the breed and which with elegance of carriage make the Langshans the "aristocrat" of the show room and admired especially by the many visitors who attend such exhibitions. That you may prove this statement to your own satisfaction and become a believer—quietly stand near the Langshan exhibit at one of our larger shows where we find the best in type and color; listen to the remarks of those passing by the pens—then try this along the aisle of any other breed. I am positive you will then decide that it is really worth while to raise a breed so much admired.

Maybe yet you are not satisfied with my arguments and proofs for the Langshan—maybe you want more than type and beauty or style, and you wonder about the breed as egg producers, how they are for meat and yet again, their disposition and then if you will permit me—their character.

I think I can prove they are all you would want in any of these respects. In egg laying contests in Australia where the Langshan has been better represented than here in our country, the breed, in 1907 won first in number of eggs laid; first for winter laying and first for most eggs in two years. In 1912 in this country, at the Missouri contest 30 Langshans competing against over 600 hens of different varieties, were second the next year they again showed their laying ability, especially in the winter months when eggs are high and scarce. From November 15 to April 1 the Langshan led all breeds with an

average of 66, while the nearest other breed was but 55. This was not enough honor for the Langshan and they layed out the year as winners over all competitors, with the good average of 160 eggs.

Doesn't this satisfy you that the Langshans are layers? The eggs are dark brown in color—darker than those of others in the Asiatic Class and are of a size to command a decent respect, not puny or light in weight, and a dozen Langshan eggs will generally weigh as much as fifteen from the lighter breeds. What more can you desire when you talk about eggs?

For the market you have a fowl unsurpassed for satisfying the tastes and the appetites of those who know the difference between good and poor meat and meat for the epicure. While the fowls are naturally large the bones are small in comparison and as the meat is fine grained, sweet in flavor and large in quantity on the breast, we have for the market a breed from which we can ask but little more. For the breeder in the smaller towns where you can always get the best families for patrons for your surplus broilers, you will find a demand for the Langshan if such has ever before been tasted.

Now then we will take up the question of character on which subject I rather hesitate to speak, as it has led me into many discussions already. But I still take this ground that the Langshans have intelligence—if not, why don't they fly all over the top of the coop when you want to pick one of them up, and kick up the dust so that you feel you never wanted to see a chicken; why will they come up to you and eat from your hand without the least hesitation or show of fear; why is it they make such good mothers and will stay by their young until they can care for themselves; why is it you can educate them to new nesting quarters when the young pullets begin to lay around most any place, and you pick them up and place them on the regular nests; why will the old cock birds fight for the hens that are partners of his in the breeding pens—even go so far as to fight strangers who come into the yards; why is it that Langshans, as a rule will go to their regular nests to lay instead of seeking the highest places in the hay loft; why is it that we have such a breed when we know they are as good foragers as the small breeds and yet are not so flighty? I believe it is in the "intelligence" of the bird we find the answer. Some argue that it is in the environment and in the care and treatment, but there is no argument here as I have owned other breeds, and through a queer circumstance—a long story and unnecessary to be told here I became the owner of a flock of exhibition—one of the little breeds. They get the same kind of care and the same kind of feed and yet they appear to know nothing more than the old and wary grouse which fly in our woods. They are not the layers the Langshans are; it takes two to make the same meal that one Langshan raised at same period would give us and it takes about ten times as long to catch one when you really want him.

I think I have given you plenty of proof that our Langshan is a fowl worth trying and while I have told you facts that probably have come to your attention before, there are many things yet to be heard and the story of the Langshan will always be continued.

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# WHAT IS UTILITY?

By O. I. MOON.

Of what value is a chicken? What is utility? Any fowl is valuable for its utility qualities, utility means meat and eggs of good quality. The utility bird should produce eggs in large numbers in winter when eggs are high, and also furnish meat of good quality and quantity for the table. The Black Langshan is by nature a utility bird as well as a show bird. They will furnish an abundance of meat and eggs, are easily cared for and very hardy? Is that not what most people would desire?

They possess these qualities to a remarkable degree, they have won high honors at several egg laying contests. I don't want to knock on any of the other breeds, but after raising most of the well known varieties along with and under the same conditions, I have discarded all others for the Black Langshans.

I live on a farm and naturally want a chicken with lots of life and action, a good rustler, and one that produces eggs for "Santa Claus." I want the greatest number of eggs per hen that can be produced economically, and a good big plump carcass for a Sunday dinner pretty often.

One often reads of the Langshan as the big clumsy Asiatics. One man remarked to me once: "Why is it you never hear of an egg farm with Langshans for layers if they are such great egg producers?" Well, I suppose the reason is, where Langshans are kept for laying purposes it can't be classed as a strictly egg farm because of the abundance of meat it produces, when the hens are sold on the market.

When a Langshan hen is past her prime as an egg producer, and sold on the market, and weighs from eight to ten pounds, instead of four or five pounds, and sells for a premium from four to five cents per pound over the lighter breeds, isn't she going to make her owner some profit?

Pure bred Black Langshan cockerels are now being used on many farms to improve common stock.

Now there is one objection to the Black Langshan so some say, the black pin feathers, well if I were going to eat pin feathers I believe I would just as soon eat black ones as any other color. Did you ever dress a red chicken or a Barred Rock? What color were the pin feathers? Of course at the frying stage there is some pin feathers, but you can always see a black one and scrape it out. Always try and kill them when the feathers are ripe and you will not be bothered with pin feathers.

If you have a roasting chicken, try a Langshan, or better still, a Langshan capon. Properly fed is the greatest rival to the turkey; properly dressed, its white skin and plump body is a pleasing sight. It is not uncommon for a Langshan to win high honors at a dressed poultry show.

I sold a Langshan capon to a business man in town, I think it was in March. He had a company dinner, and as the roasted capon was being served some one remarked that it was a great treat to have turkey that time of year. After dinner my friend told them that it was a capon they had ate, instead of turkey, much to their surprise.

A farmer or poultryman that has surplus cockerels in the summer or fall when the market is crowded and the price drops, should caponize by raising Black Langshan capons. They can be run over until holidays or later, and then be sold at a higher price per pound than could have been obtained in the fall, besides they will have become an enormous size.

Some say why don't we see more Langshans shown and advertised; the greater number of breeders are farmers and they don't want to spare the time it takes to prepare the birds for exhibition.

We should show them more is right. If we don't let the public see what we have, how can we expect them to know we have anything valuable?

## HOW YOU MAY BEST SERVE THE INTEREST OF THE CLUB AND BLACK LANGSHANS

By becoming a member of the Club.

By co-operating in all the Club activities.

By educating others to the advantages of Club membership.

By advancing freely to the Secretary and others your ideas regarding Club work. Write in whenever you feel like it and on whatever subject is on your mind.

By constructive criticism—criticism that will help your officers.

By enclosing with your letters to non-members one of the Club application blanks. Secretary Reasner will be glad to send you some on application.

By including this paragraph, or one similar, on all your poultry literature: "Join The National Black Langshan Club of America, and help boost the breed. Send your name and \$1.00 to me or to the Secretary H. A. Reasner, R. R. G. Indianapolis, Indiana."

By sending the names of all Black Langshan breeders you know of to the Secretary.

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## BY-LAWS

I. That a Poultry Club be and is hereby established to be called and known as "THE NATIONAL BLACK LANGSHAN CLUB OF AMERICA."

II. The object and purpose of the Club is to elevate this noble breed of birds, to bring all breeders closely together, to offer specials at shows when members exhibit, and in general the honorable production and extended cultivation, as well as to protect, by corporation, the interests of all breeders of this most useful bird.

III. The following officers shall be elected by ballot, viz: A President, Vice-President, National Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall be Ex-officio Members of the Executive Committee, to which three other members shall be elected annually. Upon this Executive Board shall depend the management of the Club.

IV. That there be a District Secretary for the following districts: an Eastern, a Central, a Southern, a Western, a California district and a Pacific North West district, whose duties shall be to assist the National Secretary in promoting the interests of the Club. It will also be their duty to attend to the interest of the Club in offering prizes at state and county shows in his district where membership will permit.

V. Application for memberships may be made to the District Secretary or the National Secretary any time during the year.

VI. That members may be admitted on payment of one dollar to Secretary, and one dollar shall be due thereafter and payable on the first day of October of each and every year, and upon failure to pay for one month after same shall be due and payable, and after receiving due notice such members in arrears shall be considered suspended for non-payment, and his or her name erased from Register of Members, which said Register shall be the record of the membership of the Club.

VII. That the Club Register shall be kept by the National Secretary, also all District Secretaries shall keep a register of all members in good standing in his or her district.

VIII. That it be understood that Club specials and prizes can only be competed for by members of this club in good standing. Any breeder wishing to become a member must, if required, show his or her Certificate of Membership, which must be properly dated. Any dishonorable behavior on the part of any member shall be punishable by expulsion from the Club.

IX. All complaints of dishonorable behavior shall be made to the Executive Board, who shall communicate with both parties in question, notifying that both sides will be heard at the annual meeting of the Club, when the majority vote shall decide, upon the failure of either to appear in person, or by his legally authorized representative, such person shall be considered expelled from the Club.

X. That a certificate of Membership signed by the President and Secretary be supplied to each member as vouchers of the same.

XI. That non-members, companies, etc., who shall offer special prizes of not less than \$10 for competition by members of this club, shall be entered in the Club Register as Patrons of the Club.

XII. That one National meeting be held each year, for the election of National officers and auditing accounts, etc. Each member is allowed to vote by mail if unable to attend in person. The date and place of meeting shall be voted by the Club. All votes shall be recorded with the National Secretary on or before the first day of March each year.

XIII. That the National Secretary is hereby authorized to call a special meeting at any time, should the emergency require such meeting.

XIV. That the National Secretary shall have published and distributed annually a catalogue of the Club.

XV. That the Secretary shall enter in a book the minutes of Committee and other meetings, together with names of the members attending the same.

XVI. That the Secretary shall submit all questions coming before the Club to each member in printed form, and all members shall be allowed to vote on such questions by mail or proxy, and the same shall be recorded and printed in the doings of each annual meeting.

XVII. That no alteration shall be made in any rule of this Club except at the annual meeting. Printed notices of any proposed alteration in the by-laws must be sent to every member at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting.

XVIII. That a report of all the meetings and proceedings of the Club be prepared by the Secretary and sent to the poultry papers for publication.

XIX. A grand silver cup shall be offered in each state that has ten or more resident members in good standing. The show at which this special shall be offered shall be decided by a majority vote of the members in said state, the same to be recorded with the National Secretary on or before August 1, of each year.

XX. That this cup shall be offered for the best display of Black Langshans, each competitor must have ten or more birds.

XXI. That there shall also be five other grand special badges offered at each State Show, one on best cock, one on best hen, one on best pullet, one on best cockerel, one on best breeding pen.

XXII. That there shall be four special ribbons offered at each district or county show, one for best cock, one for best cockerel, one for best hen, one for best pullet. These shall be awarded provided this notice is printed in the premium list and they be won by any member in good standing.

XXIII. That in counting points for the awards of the Club prizes the following plan shall be used: First pen, 16; second, 12; third, 8; fourth, 4; fifth, 2. First cock or cockerel, 10; second, 8; third, 6; fourth, 4; fifth, 2. First hen or pullet, 5; second, 4; third, 3; fourth, 2; fifth, 1.

XXIV. All officers shall serve without pay, except the National Secretary who shall receive the sum of \$1.00 and such additional salary as the members shall vote at the annual meeting.

XXV. Life membership fee shall be \$10.00, which shall not include any previous amount paid.

XXVI. The Membership shall become due, in advance, the 1st of October of each year. All dues must be paid before the 1st of November following. In case dues are not paid on or before Nov. 1st after being duly notified by the National Secretary, such membership ceases. Any member suspended for non-payment of dues may, on application made in writing to the National Secretary, be reinstated on payment of his indebtedness at the time of his suspension, and the annual dues for the year when the application for reinstatement is made.

XXVII. The order of business at all meetings of the Club shall be:

1. Roll call.
2. Reading Minutes of Previous Meeting.
3. Election of new members.
4. Report of Officers.
5. Reading of Communications.
6. Unfinished Business.
7. New Business.
8. Election of Officers and Executive Committee.
9. Adjournment.

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Mr. J. H. Drevenstedt in a recent issue of *The American Poultry Fancier*, in commenting on the public's desire for black fowls, says:

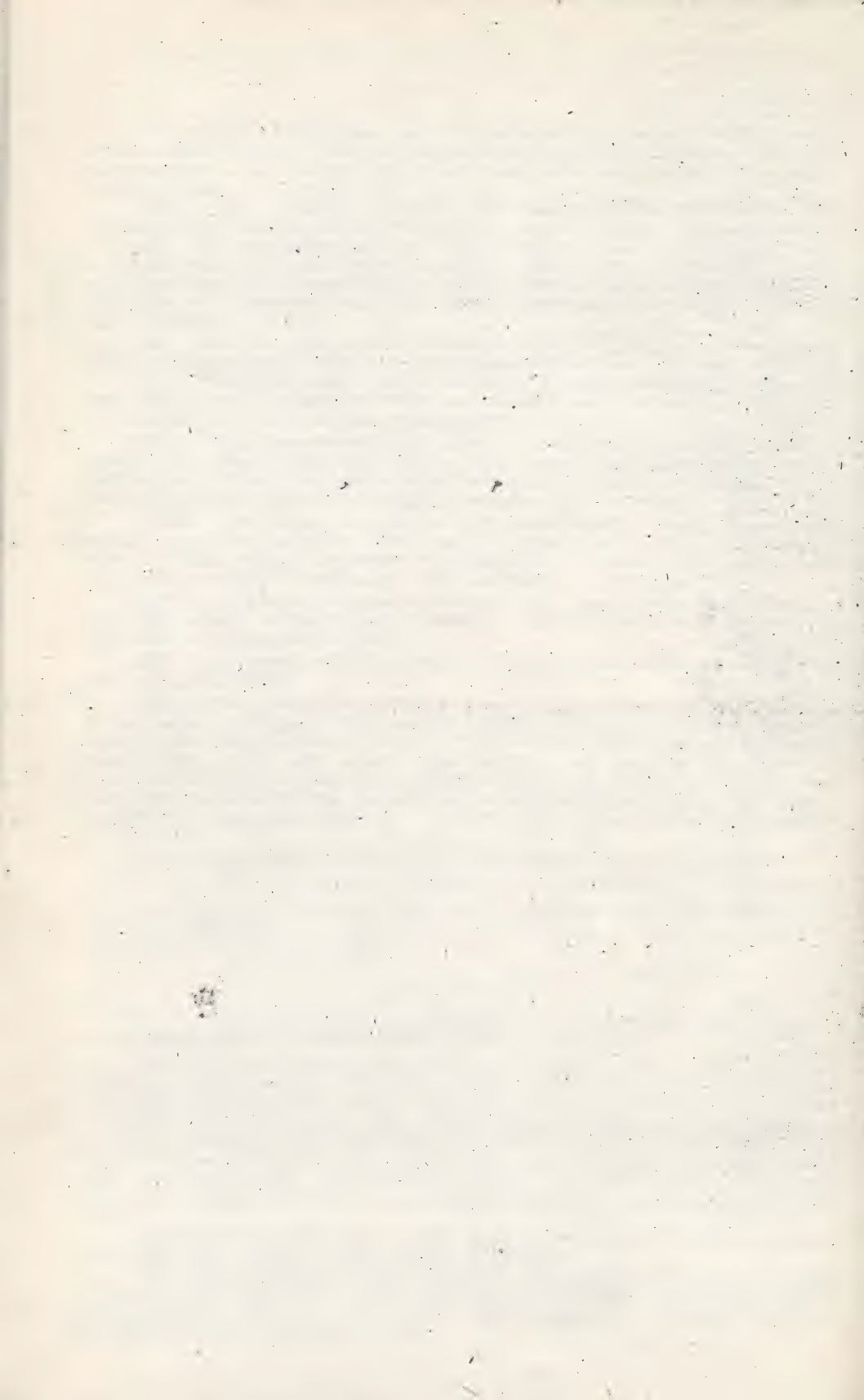
"But how about the black breeds and varieties? Why are they not more popular? The general good quality of the dark-hued feathered tripeds surely is as great, if not greater, than those of the favored light-hued ones. Black plumaged fowls should be more extensively bred and ought to become as popular as white and buff self-colored varieties, on account of the comparative ease by which they can be produced and the many localities where they can be bred more successfully than either the white and buff varieties, as the sun, smoke or coal dust has little or no appreciable effect on the plumage of black fowl.

"But for some inexplicable reason black chickens failed to catch the popular fancy, so to speak, in this country in the past.

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